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HIGHWAY LINEREPORTER ACCOMPANIES EN-
GINEER OVER ONE PORTION.

ENGINEERING WORK WELL DONE

Money Spent in Engineering Has
Been Productive of Economical
Construction and Also of Scenic
Attractions and Good Grades.

Through the courtesy of Mr. McDowell a representative of the Ashland Tidings went over quite a portion of the survey of the Pacific Highway Tuesday afternoon. The party, consisting of Mr. McDowell, F. A. Ketttridge, engineer in charge of the works, Mr. Rigg, who will be with the contractor, B. E. Haney of Medford, C. G. Matwick of Eagle Point and B. W. Talcott of the Tidings, left Ashland on No. 13. At Ashland there was considerable fog, but before reaching Stinson the fog was left behind and the train was climbing the mountain in the brightest of sunshine, while the passengers were looking back upon the sea of fog with the hill-tops piercing it like islands.

Upon reaching Siskiyou the party took the back track, following the line the most of the way to Stinson and for some distance this side.

Considering the nature of the country through which the road is to be constructed the work of grading has been much simplified by the very efficient engineering. There is but one place where there is any amount of overhaul (that is, of hauling dirt so far as to compel the payment of extra charges for the distance), and there is practically no waste dirt and very little "borrow" work. This is a remarkably good showing. There has been some talk, probably emanating from the disgruntled contractors who had declared their determination to "get" Major Bowby, that there had been money and time wasted in engineering. As a matter of fact, in mountain work more than one line is nearly always run before getting the most economical location, and the extra expense of engineering is thus saved many times over in the grading and construction of the road.

The maximum grade at any part does not exceed 6 per cent and the maximum curve is a 100-foot radius. On all curves the outside is raised, thus eliminating any tendency toward skidding, and enabling autos to safely negotiate curves at a speed of twenty miles per hour.

One feature of the road which should appeal to all is that there will not be a grade crossing of any railroad outside of the limits of towns and cities. This would avoid all danger of collisions. The state highway engineer holds that where the speed of 25 miles per hour is allowed to automobiles and unlimited speed to railroad trains, grade crossings should be eliminated.

There will be two overhead crossings of the railway, both between the station of Steinman and the Dollar-side toll gate. At the lower crossing the road makes a complete loop. It rises up parallel with the railroad track at a height of from two to four feet above the track in a cut of about 18 feet in depth, swings to the left in a large circle and crosses over both the wagon road and the railroad with a single cement bridge, and giving a clearance of 22 feet over the rails of the railroad track. This is at a point on the passing track a short distance above Steinman. In places the route passes through

Briscoe and Klum
Are Re-elected

At the school board meeting last week Professor George A. Briscoe was employed as city superintendent for the period of two years from next June—it being customary to contract with the city superintendent in advance. Proctor Klum was contracted with for the balance of the current school year—he having been hired for but three months originally. The school board's action in his case is in recognition of the fact that he has made good. The school board also accepted the resignation of two teachers—Miss Welch owing to sickness and that of another young lady whose giving up the profession January first is expected to be followed by the ringing of wedding bells.

Agates Polished.
We have just installed up-to-date machinery for grinding and polishing agates and other native stones. There is no further occasion for sending your agates out of town. We guarantee every job and if not satisfactory you need not accept the stones when polished. Before completing the polishing we will submit the cut stone for your inspection and decision as to whether you wish the polishing completed. Nothing could be fairer to you than this. We have the only establishment in town for doing this work.—R. J. Smith, Jeweler, Elks building.

No Cashier Yet Selected.

The Tidings is authoritatively informed that as yet no selection has been made as to the choice of a cashier to succeed L. L. Milt. In the meantime F. S. Engle is acting cashier and holding the ship on an even keel. It is not improbable that the selection of a cashier will be delayed until after the annual election of directors in January.

Public Market
To Be Housed

That the Ashland public market will be housed in the near future seems a certainty. This will doubtless be by means of a temporary building for the present winter.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night Mr. Pittenger, on behalf of the producers, appealed to the club to take some action in that direction, either by assisting in having the present market grounds in part roofed, or by the securing of some other building. On motion the secretary of the club was instructed to write a letter to the city council, in behalf of the club, recommending that some action be at once taken.

The city council Tuesday evening took up the matter, the recommendation of the Commercial Club and the possibility of securing two different buildings being before them. A. L. Young proposed to lease to the city the building known as the "Overland Garage," on First avenue, and H. G. Enders offered the Olen carpenter shop back of the Citizens' Banking & Trust Company building. The three communications were referred to the special city market committee consisting of Councilmen Beaver, McNair and Werth. They will report at the adjourned meeting next Tuesday evening.

Clinton Wright left Tuesday for Portland—having resigned recently at the establishment of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association. His folks live near Portland, where they moved from Ashland two years ago, and he will seek employment in that vicinity.

heavy timber, while at other times it comes out where it has beautiful views of the mountains and valleys.

In locating the highway the engineers have taken into consideration the matter of water for horse and automobile and there will be several watering troughs along the line, to which pure spring water will be piped.

The party Tuesday only went to Siskiyou and so did not see the southern end of the road, but it is said to be equally as good as on this side, though there are heavier rock cuts on that side than on this.

Taken altogether, the route will be one of great beauty and economy of construction and use. The mountains are crossed at an elevation of 4,500 feet, or 375 feet higher than that attained by the railroad, this being necessary from the fact that there are no tunnels in the wagon road, while one tunnel a mile or more in length passes under the crest of the mountain on the railroad.

Mr. Ketttridge states that the route from this city to the Barron ranch, above the junction of the falls and the California roads, has not yet been determined upon. It is the fixed policy of the Oregon highway commission not to establish grade crossings outside of the limits of cities, where speed of both trains and autos can be regulated. This eliminates the proposition of going out the Boulevard and then turning down past the F. C. Homes ranch, in all probabilities, Mr. Ketttridge states. He also states that the proposition of continuing along the hillside on the grade of the Boulevard has not yet been investigated, but will be given proper consideration. The engineers are now working between Talent and Ashland and are endeavoring to avoid a grade crossing near this city.

CHAPMAN BOOSTS ASHLAND
EXHIBIT AND ASHLAND MENSECRETARY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE SAYS ASHLAND AND THE ROGUE
RIVER VALLEY ARE MAKING A SPLENDID SHOWING

The Commercial Club is in receipt of the following very interesting and highly appreciated letter from C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League:

Chicago, Nov. 29, 1913.
Ashland Commercial Club, Ashland, Ore.

Gentlemen: I doubt whether your organization ever made a better investment in a publicity way than it has in sending Mr. D. M. Lowe to represent you in the Oregon exhibit at the Chicago Land Show.

Mr. Lowe's samples—so many having been grown by himself—were in themselves such a complete exhibit of what could be grown on one Oregon farm that we rented a special space at the cost of \$225 in the same aisle and directly opposite the Oregon booth. This was labeled "A One Farm Exhibit," giving Mr. Lowe's name and the location of his farm in Oregon. This virtually made it an Ashland and Rogue River Valley booth.

We probably never will be able to repeat this again in just this way, although it gives us the inspiration to offer special space to any commercial organization in any part of the state who will furnish a one-farm

exhibit and pay the expenses of the farmer in attendance.

We think Mr. Lowe's work has been invaluable. He has been busy from early morning until late at night, leaving the booth only long enough to deliver lectures. He knows just how to talk to farmers and nearly all the time has a small crowd around his booth.

In addition, we have Jackson county heavily represented in the main booth, nearly fifty labels like the enclosed being placed on Jackson county samples—about half of them bearing the name of Ashland and half the name of Medford.

The processed fruit which came from Jackson county is certainly the best in the whole show. I do not think that any other processor has equaled Mr. Frohbach's work.

We wish your entire organization was here to see the Oregon booth and the one-farm exhibit. Everyone here says Oregon is making the best showing in the entire Coliseum.

Ashland and Jackson counties have certainly done their share and we want you to know that we appreciate it.

Cordially yours,
C. C. CHAPMAN.

Program of
Elks Memorial

Ashland Elks will hold their annual memorial services next Sunday afternoon, in their temple, at two o'clock—the general public being cordially invited to attend. The program is as follows:

Opening ceremonies.....Exalted Ruler and Officers of Lodge.
Roll call of "Our Absent Brothers".....Secretary of Lodge.
Elks Quartet, "The Vacant Chair".....Herbert Johnson.
D. D. Norris, M. E. Briggs, H. G. Enders, A. L. Strickland.
Opening ode.....Members of Lodge.
Invocation.....Rev. J. F. Hamaker.
Contraalto solo, "The Endless Day".....Herbert Johnson.
Mrs. C. B. Wolf.

Ode to Immortality.....Wordsworth.
Miss Lillian Patterson.
Elks Quartet, "A Dream of Paradise".....Hamilton Gray.
Eulogy, "Our Absent Brothers".....W. E. Newcombe.
Baritone solo, Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana".....Mascagni.
J. S. MacMurray.
Memorial address.....Hon. Clarence E. Reames of Portland.

Closing ceremonies.....Members of Lodge.
Doxology.....Lodge and Audience.
Benediction.....Rev. J. F. Hamaker.
The services this year will be more than ordinarily impressive as the roll of the lodge's dead now numbers twenty-six—having been increased by four deaths in the past year.

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Various Notes That Tell of Activities in the Realm of the Three R's.

The orchestra held their usual practice in the gym Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Junior and senior class meetings were held Tuesday to prepare for the arrangements of the Friday game.

Active basketball practice will begin next week when Coach "Proctor" may expect the squad to settle down to training rules a little more regularly.

Professor Sweetser of the University of Oregon was to speak in the high school assembly room at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. His subject had not been announced at this time.

The heroes of the Thanksgiving battle were invited to a tamale feed at Charley Loomis' place of business Wednesday evening and of course it was accepted. Rose Brothers' parlors are to be invaded Thursday.

The junior class has challenged the seniors to a game of football Friday evening after school and the seniors have accepted, so look out for a big time and an interesting game. There are four first team men in each class and a lively time is assured.

Coach Westcott of Grants Pass refused to consider Coach Klum's offer for playing a third game in Medford next Saturday, but Ashland's championship still remains intact anyway.

Two Men Hurt
When Horses Fall

A. R. Brown of the Ashland Meat Company is confined to his bed as the result of a serious accident which might very easily have resulted in his death. While coming down Oak street horseback last Sunday his animal reared and fell backwards. Mr. Brown was unable to clear himself of his stirrups and was pinned under the animal—the saddle-horn bruising him badly both internally and externally just below the pit of the stomach. Had the horn struck him a few inches higher it would very probably have caused his death.

Another accident of similar nature occurred to Ed Martin one day last week and he too is laid up at home, though his injury consists merely of a badly bruised leg. His horse slipped sideways and pinned one of Mr. Martin's legs under it, badly wrenching his knee and rendering the calf of his leg black and blue.

Many congressmen think Professor Wilson is a hard schoolmaster.

since one game was won from the northerners by a large score and the other game was a tie.

The annual rally was held Monday evening after school and proved a big success. Billie Briggs and his assistant, Dana Frame, securing a large number of ads following the celebration in which a large number of students took part. This year's annual has been practically assured and it promises to be a howling success.

Robert Spencer has been elected 1914 captain of the football aspirants by a unanimous vote. Following Robbie's election came the usual paddle reception and treats to the crowd at Rose Brothers'. Ex-Captain Garrett and Coach Klum stood treat also considering the fact that they remembered Spencer's reception a few moments before.

The football coach and a large part of the team visited the telephone office Monday evening to gather information concerning the cup offered by the Ewing Sporting Store of Medford for the football championship of the valley. The representative of the firm acknowledged Ashland's right to the trophy and expressed his desire that the coach call for it.

Magazines.
Any one who wishes to renew their subscription, or start a new subscription for the coming year, for any one of the following magazines can subscribe at the Tidings office:
Cosmopolitan, per year.....\$1.50
Good Housekeeping, per year... 1.50
Hearst's Magazine, per year... 1.50
Harper's Bazar, per year..... 1.50
Motor, per year..... 1.00
Motor Boating, per year..... 1.00

Many people who are not worrying over the income tax would like to.

Bug Men Relocate.

W. D. Edmonston, formerly director of the government entomological station here, is now located in Colorado instead of in New Mexico as originally planned. His headquarters are in the Federal building, room 23, Colorado Springs. The Southern Rocky Mountain station embraces territory including Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and the southern half of Wyoming and South Dakota. Messrs. Hofer and Harvey, also formerly of Ashland, are associated with Mr. Edmonston in this new appointment.

G. A. R. Election.

The annual election of officers of Burnside Post, No. 23, will be held next Saturday evening. All members are requested to be present.

By order of

J. M. MATTINGLY,
Post Commander.

Wm. C. Bartlett
Died on Monday

William Charles Bartlett died early Sunday morning as the result of formation of a blood clot in an artery following a serious operation for relief of abscess of the kidney. Less than a year ago Mr. Bartlett was operated upon after having suffered from the same malady until his weight was reduced from 200 pounds to 125 pounds. Following this first operation he regained his original weight and a remarkably robust state of health. Some weeks ago there were symptoms of the return of the malady and Mr. Bartlett decided to have a second operation while his health was comparatively good—there being strong probabilities that it would restore him permanently. The unfortunate result of the operation came as a great shock to the many Ashland people who knew him.

Deceased was born at Clinton, Michigan, the thirteenth of December, 1876, and was therefore within a few days of thirty-seven years of age. Mr. Bartlett came to this part of Oregon about five years ago and for two years followed the profession of railroad. For the past three years he has been engaged in operating the Wagner Springs ranch southeast of Ashland. Fortunately for his widow and little six-year-old daughter he has kept up his affiliation with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and from this order they will receive \$1,500.

Mr. Bartlett's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Bartlett, recently moved here from Klamath county. He leaves also two brothers—E. C. Bartlett of Ashland and C. A. Bartlett of Muscatine, Iowa.

Mr. Bartlett was a member of Ashland lodge, No. 944, B. P. O. E. The funeral service was held from their temple, under the impressive ritual of the order, after which Father Moissant performed the last rites of the Catholic church. A large concourse of sympathizing friends were present to pay their last respects to him whose generous life reached out to cheer and help the suffering and needy. The remains were laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery.

Will Have "Get
Together" Dinner

There will be a "get-together" dinner next Wednesday evening, at which time it is hoped to get together for a simple feed and a general good time. The affair is under the management of the Commercial Club as a steering committee, but all men of the city and ranchmen of the territory tributary are invited. Plates will be 50 cents each and the tickets can be had of the secretary of the Commercial Club or various club members.

Come and get acquainted with each other. There is no place where matters can be discussed in as conciliatory spirit as around the remnants of such a dinner as Mrs. Conner of the Oregon knows how to serve well. Should the number of tickets sold exceed the seating capacity of the hotel dining room then the dinner will be served elsewhere, but Mrs. Conner will cater. In order to know how many to make arrangements for it is desired that applications for tickets be made at once.

An appropriate present to Miss Wilson and Mr. Sayre would be a capacious barn to store the other wedding gifts.

WILL BEGIN
WORK SOONOUTFIT EN ROUTE FOR PACIFIC
HIGHWAY GRADING.

NEW STEAM SHOVEL IS ORDERED
Contractors Will Have Crew on the Ground Within Ten Days and Will Have Steam Shovel in Position Before New Year.

Work on the Siskiyou mountain "division" of the Pacific Highway will commence at once. Mr. McDowell of the contracting firm of Keasal & McDowell, who was in the city Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, states that a brand new steam shovel has been ordered by wire from Marion, Ohio, and is already on its way. It will weigh thirty tons and be one of the most powerful machines of the kind in use on highway work. It will handle ground covered with scrub oak up to five or six inches through without grubbing and will handle "loose" rock. "Loose" rock, in contractor parlance, is dirt mixed with rocks running from one cubic foot to one-half cubic yard in size. Where the rock runs larger than that it is classified as solid rock.

Pending the arrival of the shovel, which is expected in about four weeks, the contractors have ordered three cars of minor equipment and stock shipped from Tacoma and will establish camp at once. It is expected that in about ten days the actual work of cleaning right of way will commence.

The headquarters office will be established on the work. Mr. McDowell will build a number of board houses on skids, which will be hauled from place to place as the work progresses. In one of these Mr. McDowell and his family will reside this winter, they preferring the bright cold weather at the mountain top to the rainy weather in Tacoma.

Work will commence at Steinman and proceed this way to the Barron ranch, and then the steam shovel will be hauled from there to Stinson over the grade and work be continued from that point over the mountain.

Mr. McDowell states that the size of the crew during the winter will depend entirely upon the number of men that can be employed advantageously, which will also depend largely upon the snow fall and the weather. At present, were the work opened up, a big crew could be used. There will be comparatively little team work outside of what the contractors' teams can do, but there will be some. There will also be a demand for teamsters and men to clear right of way as well as men to work around the shovel. Teams will only be used to trim up the grade after the steam shovel, hence the demand will be small.

Mr. McDowell declares that the conditions are ideal for getting his outfit on the ground. The steam shovel will be unloaded almost at the very point where work will commence.

The convict camp, which will be in charge of a man who has had experience in handling such camps, will be in a big rock cut just over the summit of the mountains. It is understood, though not officially reported, that the men receive their board and 25 cents per day, which is paid by the county. This money in the case of single convicts will be deposited to their credit and turned over to them at the end of their terms if their records are clear. In the case of those having dependent families the money will be turned over to them.

It is expected that there will be several sub-contracts let on the south end of the grade.

Fifty Boosters
Visit Roseburg

Nearly fifty business men of Ashland braved the darkness and the chilly fog this morning to board the special for Roseburg to attend the big booster meeting. According to all reports similar crowds are there from various towns down the valley and large numbers from the Umpqua and the Willamette valleys.

This is the meeting where some definite action will undoubtedly be taken regarding the exhibit to be maintained at Ashland during the Panama-Pacific Exposition.